Atty. Dkt. No. 038873-0102

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Zouren NIE et al.

Title:

ER STRENGTHENING

ALUMINUM ALLOY

Appl. No.:

10/747,955

Appl. Filing Date:

12/31/2003

Examiner:

J. C. Morillo

Art Unit:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

[]	Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on _	۰.
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Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on __ but not considered.

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- [] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on
- [] Other __.
- b. Enclosed are:
- [X] Reply Accompanying RCE.
- [X] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [X] Form SB08 with copies of 2 listed references.
- [] Other.

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		tra Claims esent	·	Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$790.00	=	\$790.00
Total Claims:	13	-	20	= 0		x	\$50.00	=	\$0.00
Independents	3	•	3	= 0		x	\$200.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation o	of an	y Multiple I	Depend	ent Claims:	+	\$360.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	FEE	E TOTAL:	=	\$790.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	0	\$0.00		
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00		\$0.00		
[X]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00		\$1,020.00		
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00		\$0.00		
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00		\$0.00		
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:					
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -						
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL						
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:						
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2	of above):		\$0.00		
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.	§ 1.103(c)		\$0.00		
	ТО	TAL FEE:		\$1,810.00		

^[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$1,810.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

- [X] A check in the amount of \$1,810.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.